

JUSTIFICATION:

Hughes Electronics Corporation realizes that the Fire Department plays an important role in providing important information regarding emergency incidents to the public through the various media resources with whom they interface. The emergency command vehicle will provide to the public information officers a "Central Post" to be used when communicating "incident" information to the public via the media resources. This will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department's Information Officers at the scene of emergency incidents in providing necessary information to the public through the media.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No impact.

FINANCING:

Does not apply

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The District is authorized to accept donations by way of the County Fiscal Manual Section 2.4.2, Donation Reporting Requirement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:

Will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of providing necessary information to the public. In turn, this may help prevent injuries or possible loss of life to civilians of affected emergency areas.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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CONCLUSION:

Attached for Supervisor Don Knabe's consideration is a draft letter thanking Hughes Electronics Corporation for its generous donation, once again proving the success of an innovative public and private sector relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:dmm

Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
 Chief Administrative Officer
 County Counsel
 Auditor-Controller

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March 17, 2004

Mr. Jack A. Shaw
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hughes Electronics Corporation
P.O. Box 956
El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Mr. Shaw:

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, I would like to thank you and Hughes Electronics Corporation for the generous donation of the 2004 Chevrolet Suburban including electronics equipment.

The vehicle will be assigned to the Department's Public Information Office. It will be utilized as an emergency command vehicle at major emergency incidents. It will be used to communicate important information to the public via the media throughout Los Angeles County.

Donations by private corporations such as yours are appreciated and reflect a true spirit of the cooperation between the public and private sector.

Very truly yours,

DON KNABE, CHAIRMAN
FOURTH DISTRICT

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c: P. Michael Freeman, Fire Chief
Matt Knabe